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SUBJ: PRG AND LOW CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 020101

1. I RAISED PRG PARTICIPATION IN SECOND LAW OF WAR
CONFERENCE TODAY WITH PERMANENT HEAD OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS ALAN RENOUF. POLCOUNS HAD DISCUSSED QUESTION
AT LENGTH AND LEFT AID MEMOIRE JANUARY 17 WITH
ACTING FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS JOHN PIPER.

2. RENOUF SAID THAT SUBJECT WAS REVIEWED
CAREFULLY AT SENIOR LEVEL THIS MORNING. AUSTRALIAN
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POSITION WOULD BE THAT RECONSIDERATION OF PRG ISSUE

REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. AUSTRALIA WOULD
ABSTAIN ON ACTUAL VOTE (SHOULD THERE BE ONE).

2. COMMENT. THIS RATHER TORTURED AND "EVEN-HANDED"
AUSTRALIAN POSITION SHOULD HELP TO OBTAIN THE
OUTCOME WE SEEK, ALTHOUGH GOA WILL AVOID A CLEARCUT
POSITION. THIS IS THE BEST WE CAN OBTAIN ON THE EVE
OF BIENNIAL LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE AT WHICH RELATIONS
WITH PRG WILL BE A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE.
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